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1. SCIATT RIO BROUGHT FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO ATTENTION
EMBASSY WHICH WE REPEAT TO INSURE WIDE DISTRIBUTION IN
DEPARTMENT. FROM THE ERDA BRUSSELS OFFICE REPORT FOR THE
PERIOD OCT. 1-15:

"URENCO IS CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING TWO CONTRACTS TOTALLING
\$10.3 MILLION FOR ENRICHMENT SERVICES IN THE 1980S. COMPANY
OFFICIALS BELIEVE THE CONTRACTS WILL BE SIGNED BY DECEMBER.
THESE ARE IN ADDITION TO ENRICHMENT CONTRACTS TOTALLING
\$10.3 MILLION WHICH THE COMPANY ANNOUNCED EARLIER THIS YEAR.
THE CONTRACTS UNDER NEGOTIATION ARE WITH A GROUP OF EUROPEAN
ELECTRICAL UTILITIES, AND WITH BRAZIL, FOR WHICH URENCO
IS BEING ASKED TO PROVIDE ENRICHMENT FOR THE TWO REACTORS
ORDERED FROM GERMANY THIS SUMMER. URENCO OFFICIALS CLAIM
THAT TECHNICAL PROGRESS WITH THEIR GAS CENTRIFUGE TECHNOLOGY
IS SURPASSING ALL EXPECTATIONS. AN EXPERIMENTAL PLANT
IN HOLLAND, USING THE TECHNOLOGY NOW BEING INSTALLED IN
AN INITIAL 200-TONNE COMMERCIAL PLANT BEING BUILT NEARBY,
HAS HAD NO FAILURE OF ITS MACHINES FOR SEVEN MONTHS.
THIS COMPARES WITH A "NORMAL" FAILURE RATE OF 0.25 TO
0.5 PERCENT A YEAR FOR THE LATEST URENCO TECHNOLOGY."

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